

Docket No.: SONYJP 3.0-152  
(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Patent Application of:	:
Okawa et al.	:
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Application No.: 09/827,841	: Group Art Unit: 2111
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Filed: April 6, 2001	: Examiner: K. N. Dang
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For: ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT AND METHOD	:
FOR PROCESSING DIGITAL SERIAL	:
DATA AT BUSINITIALIZATION PHASE	:
IN INTERFACE UNIT	:

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COMMUNICATION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed February 24, 2004, the undersigned submits this **Written Agenda For Interview** outlining topics to be discussed with the Examiner as follows.

An interview by telephone is respectfully requested on or before April 23, 2004.

WRITTEN AGENDA FOR INTERVIEW

1. Clarification is requested as to the 35 U.S.C. 102 rejection over U.S. Patent No. 6,430,225 B1 to *Okawa et al.* ("*Okawa*").

The Office Action does not point out which portion of *Okawa* teaches an interface unit as being operable

to enter a reset wait state . . . ***only after receiving a response to the bus reset signal***

*from each of the partner communication devices.*  
(Claim 6) (Emphasis added)

Applicant has reviewed the *Okawa* and is unable to determine the basis of the rejection. Clarification is requested of the rejection of claim 6 and claims 16 and 17, which contain similar recitations.

Further, the Office Action does not point out the portions of *Okawa* that purportedly teach that the response awaited from each partner communication device is a bus reset signal (claim 7), and that the transmitter (of the interface unit) is operable to transmit an idle signal after passage of the predetermined period of time (claim 8). Accordingly, clarification is needed as to the basis of these rejections.

2. The basis for the "best mode" rejection.

The courtesy of the Examiner is appreciated for the invitation to provide this Written Agenda for Interview outlining topics to be discussed in a telephone interview. Unless earlier scheduled, the undersigned will telephone the Examiner's office on April 23, 2004 to schedule an interview.

Dated: April 20, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

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